(NCF), 2005 developed by the NCERT, follows an integrated approach permeating throughout the school curriculum. It is considered to be the undercurrent of the total process of education, including textbooks, co-curricular activities, school climate, teacher attitudes, pedagogy etc. and not simply through lessons in peace. Textual material-language, presentation and the illustrations etc. being developed by NCERT will be imbued by the peace perspective, wherever appropriate. In the teacher education programme, peace education has been recommended as a separate concern.

The NCF 2005 and the position paper entitled 'Education for Peace' developed by the National Focus Group on Peace Education as part of the curriculum package was approved by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on 6th September, 2005 which had representatives from State Governments.

(e) There is no separate allocation for this purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan period.

**Status of Chairpersons and Members of certain Commissions**

502. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status to the Chairpersons and Members of the (i) National Human Rights Commission, (ii) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission, (iii) Minorities Commission and (iv) National Commission for Women; and

(b) whether Government would ensure that status of the Chairpersons and Members of the National Commission for Women is at par with those of other commissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The status accorded to the Chairperson and Members of the (i) National Human Rights Commission; (ii) National Commission for Scheduled Castes; (iii) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes; and (iv) National Commission for Minorities is as per the statement annexed. (See Below) In the case of National Commission for Women (NCW), the Chairperson and Members have not been accorded any particular status. However, the Chairperson of the NCW is allowed the pay scale of Rs.26,000/- which is

equivalent to the pay scale attached to the post of Secretary to the Government of India and the Members are allowed the pay scale of Rs.24050-650-26000 equivalent to the pay scale of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

(b) No proposal to accord status to the Chairperson and Members of NCW is presently under the consideration of the Government.

***Statement***

*Status/rank accorded to the Chairperson and Members of National Commissions*

| Sl. No | Name of Commission | Status/rank accorded to the Chairperson | Status/rank accorded to the Members |
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| 1 | National Human Rights Commission | Equated with the chief Justice of India in the matters relating to salaries, Leave Travel Concession and Travel Allowances etc. | Equated with the Judges of Supreme Court of India India in the matters relating to salaries, Leave Travel Concession and Travel Allowances etc. |
| 2 | National Commission for Scheduled Castes | Equivalent to Union Cabinet Minister | Equivalent to Secretary to the Government of India |
| 3 | National Commission for Scheduled Tribes | Equivalent to Union Cabinet Minister | Equivalent to Secretary to the Government of India |
| 4 | National Commission for Minorities | Equivalent to Union Minister | Equivalent to Secretary to the Government of India. |

**Funds released for literacy**

503. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Government for literacy programmes during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether all the States have exhausted the funds and have been able to achieve the desired results; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?